(a) whether the recording of Vital Statistics does not legitimately belong to the Health Department;

(b) whether the same is now being undertaken by the Revenue Department ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— (a) Yes.

(b) The Revenue Department is helping the collection of statistics.

Itinerating dispensaries—expenditure.

110. Mr. A. Eachara Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the extra expenditure incurred by the department by the institution of each of the itinerating dispensaries;

(2) is the Medical Officer given any allowance on that score; if so, what;

(3) what is the rent of building used by these officers;

(4) is there a compounder attached to each of these places; if so, what is his pay;

(5) what is the amount spent on a Grant-in-aid Dispensary?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— (1) and (2)

	Allowances.	
Kolipara Moongilmada	Rs. 30	per mensem
Meenakshipuram	Rs. 30	,,
Pattanchery	Rs. 15	,,
Kairadi	Rs. 30	,,

The medicines required for these itinerating dispensaries are taken from the institutions to which the medical officers deputed for this work are attached. No separate stock of medicines is issued for this purpose.

(3) No rent is given for the buildings in which these dispensaries are conducted.

(4) There are no compounders attached to these dispensaries.

(5) Rs. 905 per year for a Grant-in-aid Dispensary, unless it is in a highly malarial and out of the way place.

Arecanut trade in Trichur and Talappalli Taluks.

111. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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(a) whether it has not been receiving representations regarding the difficulties experienced by the arecanut growers in Trichur and Talappalli Taluks by allowing only a single arecanut market at Vadakkancheri;

(b) does the Government propose to do anything to relieve the distress of the people in this behalf?

Dr. E. S R. Menon:—(a) Yes.

(b) Government have no objection to sanction the opening of new markets if found necessary in conformity with the provisions of the existing law.

Jurisdiction—leaving of—Director of Public Health.

112. Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether any previous Government sanction is necessary for the Director of Public Health to leave the State;

(b) whether he has applied for and received such sanction during the last summer months of Meenam, Medam and Edavam;

(c) whether he was spending the week end in those months at Coonoor;

(d) whether it was done with Government sanction?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Very rarely.

(d) Yes.

Visit of the Director of Public Health to the Cheruthuruthi, Mulakunnathukavu, Urakam and Nellayi Constituencies.

113. Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how many times has the Director of Public Health visited the Cheruthuruthi, Mulakunnathukavu, Urakam and Nellayi constituencies during the months of Meenam, Medam and Edavam, 1110;

(b) what was the object of those visits?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—(a) and (b) The Director of Public Health has not visited the Constituencies of Cheruthuruthi,

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